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## **CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119**

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Sir:

Applicant in the above-entitled application hereby claims the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 21805/1997, filed February 4, 1997, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

A certified copy of said Japanese Patent Application is of record in a parent application.

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